Relief Act, nor the Debt Conciliation Board Act, nor the Money-lenders' Act tend to scale down the debts of agriculturists in Mysore;

(*b*) whether they are aware that, under the present Debt Conciliation Board Act, the Board has absolutely no power to permit payment by instalments and that there has been a failure of the object for which it was passed?

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT —

A.—14. (*a*) None of these Acts provides directly for scaling down the debts; but under Section 12 of the Mysore Agriculturists' Relief Act (Regulation XVIII of 1928) Courts may direct the payment of decretal amounts in instalments. Under Section 14 of the Debt Conciliation Act (Act VI of 1937) the amicable settlements effected between the creditor and the debtor may fix the manner in which and the times at which the debtor should pay the amounts due to the creditor.

(*b*) Section 14 (i) of the Act contemplates the amicable settlement of debts between a debtor and a creditor in the form of an agreement recording the amounts payable and the manner in which and the times at which they are to be paid. The Board is not thus precluded from directing payment in instalments.

MESSRS. M. SIVABASAPPA (Tiptur Taluk) and C. BHASKARIAH (Tiptur Municipality).—

Q.—16. Will the Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number and names of the backward communities in the State;

(*b*) the population of each such community;

(*c*) the amount of scholarships awarded to the backward classes in the State;

(*d*) the amount of scholarships awarded to each such community;

(*e*) whether the distribution is based on population or the number of students?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, GENERAL DEPARTMENT.—

A.—16. (*a*) and (*b*) A statement furnishing the information is placed on the table. (Appendix).

(*c*) Rs. 72,810.

(*d*) Information is not readily av ilable.

(*e*) It is based both on population and the number of students

MESSRS. IBRAHIM KHAN SAHIB (Hunsur Municipality) and H. V. HANUMANTHA SETTY (Hunsur Taluk).—

Q.—23. Will the Government be pleased to state —

(*a*) all the places in the State where Agricultural Depots have been opened;

(*b*) the object of establishing them;

(*c*) the particulars of agricultural implements, seeds, manure, etc., supplied to the raiyats from each of these depots since 1935 (the information relating to each year being given separately);

(*d*) the kind and quantity of seeds supplied from the Hunsur Depot during 1938-39;

(*e*) the number of people who could not be supplied with seeds;

(*f*) the kind of seeds supplied to the Hunsur Depot and the places from which they were supplied;

(*g*) whether it is a fact that the Assistant Director refused to supply seeds from the Hunsur Depot though there was a stock of 10 pallas ?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, GENERAL DEPARTMENT.—

A.—23. (*a*) A list is placed on the table. (Appendix).

(*b*) The object is to supply improved implements and seeds of new and improved varieties suited to the locality, which the department wishes to popularise.

(*c*) Information is being collected.

(*d*) and (*f*) (i) Ragi—7,344 seers. From the Kar Ragi Breeding Station, Yellachahalli Sheep Farm and private growers at Hunsur and Kamplapur and certified by the department.

(ii) Paddy—2,762 seers. From the Paddy Breeding Station, Nagenhalli, and by the Agricultural Inspector, Mysore.

(iii) Groundnut—128 seers. By the Agricultural Inspector, Mysore.

(iv) Cotton—21·9 maunds. From the Kar Ragi Breeding Station, Hunsur, and the Irwin Canal Farm.

(v) Jola—138 seers. From Government Experimental Farm, Babbur.

(vi) Sunhemp—120 seers. By the Agricultural Inspector, Mysore.

(*e*) Two among those who had sent indents

(*g*) The answer is in the negative.

MR. H. S. CHIKKANNAGOWDA (Belur Taluk).—

Q.—39. Will the Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether they are aware that water facilities had been provided to Halebid Town by means of a channel known as Singadevara *kalve* led from an *anecut* across the Yagachi near Ranaghatta in Belur Taluk during the time of the Hoysalas ;

(*b*) whether the statement made by Mr. Rice in pages 348-54 of part II of his Gazetteer about this *anecut* and the Halebid water-supply has been noticed by Government ;

(*c*) the elevation above sea level of Ranaghatta village which is near the *anecut* and of Halebid ;

(*d*) the present condition of the *anecut* of Singadevara *nala* ;

(*e*) whether it is possible to repair the *nala* and the *anecut* :

(*f*) the estimated cost of such repairs ;

(*g*) whether they would take up the scheme, if it is ascertained after a survey by the Public Works Department, that after the repairs water would be supplied to the Halebid tank by means of this *nala* ;

(*h*) whether, after the *anecut* and the Singadevara *kalve* are repaired, the several tanks lying between the Yagachi and Belavadi village (*sarvamanya*) in Chikmagalur will not be fed and the difficulties of raiyats year after year for want of an adequate supply of water solved?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—

A.—39. (*a*) There was an *anecut* near Ranaghatta in Belur Taluk, but it is now in a breached condition. There are traces of a channel from this *anecut*.

(*b*) The answer is in the affirmative.